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1. GOR DECISION ON HOW TO PROCEED WITH DEVELOPMENT OF ROMANIA'S TWO VERY LOW-GRADE COPPER ORE DEPOSITS IN MOLDOVA NOUA AND ROSIU POIENI SHOULD BE FORTH-COMING SOON. FOR LAST SEVERAL YEARS, OFFICIALS OF MINISTRY OF MINES, PETROLEUM AND GEOLOGY AND MINISTRY OF MACHINE BUILDING INDUSTRY HAVE BEEN REVIEWING ALTERNATIVE WAYS OF DEVELOPING THESE PROJECTS WHICH HAVE AS THEIR GOAL ROMANIAN SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN COPPER BY 1984.

2. MINISTRY OF MINES HAS PRIME RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEVELOPING THESE TWO COPPER DEPOSITS; HOWEVER, NO EQUIPMENT MAY BE IMPORTED FOR THESE PROJECTS UNTIL AFTER MINISTRY OF MACHINE BUILDING INDUSTRY HAS CERTIFIED THAT ITS FACTORIES ARE NOT IN POSITION TO PRODUCE SIMILAR EQUIPMENT IN ROMANIA.

3. REPRESENTATIVES OF NUMEROUS U.S. COMPANIES HAVE

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LITERALLY BEEN FALLING ALL OVER THEMSELVES IN THEIR EFFORTS TO LINE UP SUPPLY CONTRACTS FOR THESE PROJECTS. TO DATE, ROMANIANS HAVE JUST BEEN TALKING AND INVESTIGATING VARIOUS POSSIBILITIES. ACTUAL CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS HAVE NOT YET BEGUN. BASIC REASON FOR NON-STARTUP OF CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS IS THAT TWO INVOLVED ROMANIAN MINISTRIES HAVE NOT YET SORTED OUT

BETWEEN THEMSELVES WHICH EQUIPMENT WILL BE IMPORTED AND WHICH EQUIPMENT ROMANIA WILL BE ABLE TO PRODUCE LOCALLY (THIS IS UNDERSTOOD TO BE IN COOPERATION WITH FOREIGN FIRM OR FIRMS).

4. DEPUTY MINISTER OF MINES, PETROLEUM AND GEOLOGY GHEORGHE FULEA TOLD EXIMBANK DIRECTOR SAINT PHALLE, DURING LATTER'S EARLY MAY 1978 VISIT TO BUCHAREST, THAT GOR WOULD CONCLUDE ITS FEASIBILITY STUDY DETAILING ITS PLANS FOR THESE TWO COPPER PROJECTS SOMETIME IN THIRD QUARTER OF 1978. IN MID-JUNE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR INVESTMENT OF MINISTRY OF MINES, PETROLEUM AND GEOLOGY MAXIN MATEESCU TOLD EMBOFFS THAT DECISION WILL BE TAKEN BY END OF JULY ON HOW ROMANIA WILL PROCEED WITH THESE PROJECTS.
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